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NEWS RELEASE

FATAL CRASH AT 4000 HERCULES

Date: 11/17/2020 Time: 4:57 PM

Location: 4000 Hercules El Paso, Texas Vehicle #1: 2016 Dodge Challenger

Driver #1: 45-year old, Billy Ray Ethridge Jr. from the 3900 block of Volcanic, El Paso, TX 79904DECEASED

Vehicle #2: 2016 Chevrolet Cruze

Driver #2: 23-year old, Danny Parra from the 4800 block of Rolling Stone, El Paso, TX 79924 Front Passenger: 23-year old, Sergio Zarate from the 10700 block of Gemstone, El Paso, TX 79924 Rear Passenger: 25-year old, John Milam Jr from the 4600 block of Atlas, El Paso, TX 79904

Vehicle #3: 1995 Ford Aerostar

Driver #3: 76-year old, Pascual Garcia from the 1700 block of E. Rio Grande, El Paso, TX 79902 DECEASED Passenger: 72-year old, Carolina Garcia-Amaya from the 1700 block of E. Rio Grande, El Paso, TX 79902 DECEASED

EL PASO, TEXAS: The Special Traffic Investigations (STI) Unit of the El Paso Police Department was contacted Friday late afternoon to investigate a traffic crash involving three vehicles. Investigators learned Ethridge was traveling east bound at a high speed on the 4000 block of Hercules. Ahead of Ethridge was Parra who was also traveling east on the same roadway. For unknown reasons Ethridge reached Parra's vehicle and rear ended him causing him to lose control of the vehicle. The Chevrolet Cruise travelled across both east bound lanes and off of the roadway where the vehicle came to a stop after striking a landscaping tree. Ethridge's vehicle after colliding with Parra proceeded to opposing lanes of traffic, which caused a head on collision with Garcia who was traveling west at the time. Ethridge Jr., Pascual Garcia, Carolina Garcia-Amaya died as a result of their injuries. Occupants of the Chevrolet Cruze sustained minor injuries. Speed on behalf of Ethridge is a contributing factor as investigation continues.

This is the 3rd,4th and 5th fatality of 2020 compared to 0 at this time last year.

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